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A PRACTICE WHICH MUST STOP.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

INTERESTING ITEMS AT TO-DAY'S MEETING.

The dangerous practice of boarding ferry boats after the gangway is up was referred to in the course of to-day's annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Limited, the Chairman, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, intimating that if it did not stop it would be necessary for the Company to prosecute.

The absconding of the Company's shroff with money, the probable completion of the new ferries in April and improvements to one of the piers were other matters referred to by the Chairman.

Mr. Bernard was supported by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. F. H. Crappell, Secretary, the following shareholders being present: Messrs. W. S. Bailey, L. S. Greenhill, J. T. Bagram, W. J. Carroll, J. P. Braga, R. V. Harris, H. R. Sturt, O. F. Ribeiro, A. H. M. da Silva, and E. Sadick.

The Chairman said:—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, have been in your hands for some days and with your permission, I will follow the usual procedure and take them read.

Proposed Alterations.

On January 1, 1925, the two new launches "Golden Star" and "Meridian Star" were brought into service; two further boats, the "Solar Star" and "Night Star" are nearing completion and are expected to be ready early in April next. I hope when all these are in operation, it will make for the greater comfort and convenience of the public. It is proposed to sell the two oldest vessels as they will no longer be required for the maintenance of our service. Your directors have also had under consideration for some time alterations and improvements to the Lee House Street pier. There is only passage way at the present time to serve for both in-coming and out-going first-class passengers and it is frequently very congested. Plans showing the proposed alterations have been submitted to the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association for their consideration, and when a scheme has been decided upon, it will be proceeded with as soon as possible.

When the ferry crews went on strike at the end of June, I regret to say that the service was discontinued and a good deal of inconvenience and delay was caused to people crossing the harbour. But thanks to the aid rendered by naval ratings and later by officers and engineers of the Mercantile Marine, we were able to maintain a curtailed service until the launch crews returned to work in August. To all those who assisted us in this difficult period, I wish to tender our hearty thanks.

A Dangerous Practice.

There is a matter that I should like to take this opportunity to refer to, and that is, people boarding the ferries after the gangway has been lifted and the ferry is under weigh. It is a dangerous practice and contrary to our By-laws. There is a notice on such launch and on the wharf warning people against this but it is ignored. If this goes on it will be necessary for the Company to prosecute offenders in order to stop it.

Absconding Shroff.

Turning now to the accounts, you will observe an amount of \$1,300 written off under the heading of "bad and doubtful debts." This is a loss sustained owing to the Company's shroff absconding on July 2 with \$3,300, of which only \$2,000 has been recovered from his security. This man was jointly employed by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and ourselves, and they also suffered a loss.

We have transferred \$20,000 to the accident fund to bring this up to \$100,000. Special repairs fund was drawn on during the year to the extent of \$50,072.55, and \$24,888.22 has been transferred to it, making it now stand at \$60,000. After effecting these transfers and taking into consideration the amount brought

STRIKERS KILLED.

HONGKONG BOAT'S DEADLY BROADSIDE.

DUEL AT SEA BY NIGHT.

How a heavy broadside from a battery of obsolete "naval" guns killed between ten and twenty strikers doing picket duty is related in a report made here.

Cornered in Chinese waters a Hongkong trading junk resorted to force and successfully ran the gauntlet.

With a crew of six men and three women, and carrying an armament of four muzzle-loading cannons and several ancient muskets, this vessel left Tai Ping (a town near the Boca Tigris forts) for Hau Hoi (in Deep Bay, British waters).

About 9 p.m. on Tuesday the junk observed a boat of strike pickets calling upon them to heave to. This was at Chik Wan the place famous for its temple to which Hongkong Chinese make annual pilgrimages every spring.

This challenge was met with a fusillade from the junk's muskets. There were about twenty-four strikers on the boat and they fought back with rifles.

Safe behind the improvised iron plates carried on the junk's sides, the crew manned their cannon. After eight rounds had been fired the strikers withdrew.

The junkmaster estimates that two-thirds of their adversary's number was killed.

The junk reached her destination without further incident and came on to Hongkong.

"TAMING" INCIDENT.

AGENTS INFORMED OF "SEIZURE."

News has been received by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (agents for the China Navigation Co.) that the s.s. "Taming" has been interfered with at Hoihow, a port of Hainan Island, which was recently captured by Canton's forces.

Last Thursday the steamer left Hongkong, with cargo and passengers. A wireless message was sent by one of the passengers who, with the others, had been transferred to the s.s. "Hanoi." Details are lacking. The "Taming," in the ordinary course of events, would have cleared from Hoihow on Monday but is now due to leave that port for Haiphong at 6 p.m. to-day.

forward from last year, namely, \$11,415.08—that is, ignoring the amount subsequently transferred to reserve in connection with the capitalisation of that account—there is available for appropriation a balance of \$272,234.69. It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share and a bonus of a like amount, absorbing \$240,000, and carry forward \$32,234.69. I hope that these appropriations will meet with the approval of shareholders, and would like to remind you that the number of shares on which dividend is now being paid was doubled in 1925 by the capitalisation of Reserve Fund.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for comment and now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Other Business.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater seconded the adoption of the reports and accounts, a motion which was carried unanimously.

Confirmation of the appointments of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang as directors was approved on the proposition of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Sturt.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater was re-elected director on the proposition of Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Bernard Brown was re-elected auditor on the proposition of Mr. da Silva seconded by Mr. Bagram.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the Chairman announced that the shareholders could be seated on application on and after to-morrow.

CUSTOMS OUTRAGE.

EUROPEAN OFFICER SEIZED OFF MACAO.

SUBSEQUENT RELEASE.

SUSPICIOUS VESSEL SAID TO BE PIRATE.

An earlier report that Mr. Weston, second officer of a Customs launch operating in Chinese waters off Macao, had been captured by strikers and held to ransom is discounted in official quarters, although there are no doubts as to his having been captured and detained and subsequently released.

This, it is stated, was nothing to do with the strikers who have an organisation in the neighbourhood to prevent the landing of goods without the necessary permit, but that the capture was the work of pirates, subsequent release being the result of intervention of the authorities in Canton.

The Customs cruiser "Lung Shing" was on Monday on the look out for contraband goods among the cargo of the various boats passing. Mr. Weston, with others, boarded a vessel which is said to have been similar in appearance to a small torpedo boat and, finding opium and salt aboard, is said to have called to his companions who were left alongside in the boat. The vessel on which Mr. Weston was, then, steamed away with him on board.

Mr. Weston, it appears, was taken to Canton. According to local Chinese newspapers he was to be "tried" but whatever his experiences there, he has certainly been released subsequently.

Junks and other vessels taking cargo from Hongkong have the choice of two routes for the West River when leaving foreign waters but the most favoured of these in recent days has been by way of the Gae Mun channel because of the reported mining of the way by Wangmoon. To get through Gae Mun vessels have to pass the Customs station at Ma Low Chow and it was off there that the incident in question is reported to have taken place.

JAPAN'S PREMIER.

DEATH OF VISCOUNT KATO

LOSS TO NATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Jan. 28.
The Premier, Viscount Takaaki Kato, G.C.M.G., is dead.



Viscount Kato.

NEW GRILL ROOM.

HOTEL COMPANY'S FRESH ENTERPRISE.

The Hongkong Hotel announces that the Grill Room will open in the Roof Garden on Monday, the 1st. February, special attention being given to a la carte service and dinner parties.

The "China Mail" understands that the Grill Room will be on exactly the same lines as it was when it was on the first floor in the old building.

Viands and service will be of the same high order, and music will be dispensed for the dancers.

The new Grill Room should prove as popular as the old one whose place it should speedily take in the social life of the Colony.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on Monday was 2 1/4 7/16.

RUNS AMOK?

MAN WITH AXE KILLED BY FALL.

COLLEAGUE INJURED.

Considerable excitement was caused on the Central Praya this morning (near the Yaumati ferry) when a Chinese, who is believed to have run amok, killed himself by jumping into the road from a verandah, after wounding a colleague.

A number of people were about and the man's jump or fall was noticed about 10 a.m., just before the morning meal in the Hoo Choong Wo firm of shipchandlers, where he was employed.

On the verandah, one of the foks was found with severe injuries to the head and limbs, alleged to have been caused by an axe which the dead man used.

The man who fell into the street subsequently succumbed to his injuries. The other, said to have been his victim, is now in hospital, in a dangerous but not critical condition.

"WATER" THIEVES.

CONVICTIONS AT KOWLOON COURT.

GANG BOTTLED UP.

Two Chinese were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with theft of rope and canvas from the s.s. "Namsang," an additional charge of larceny from the s.s. "Escondido" being preferred against one of them. The first accused is believed to be the last of a gang of notorious "water" thieves. He made a fruitless attempt to escape by jumping into the water when a raid was made at Shaikwan. A confederate who jumped from a window is now in hospital.

The Magistrate (Mr. R. A. D. Forrest) convicted both the accused, imposing sentences of two and three months' hard labour.

JUNK PIRATED.

NIGHT ATTACK NEAR LYEEHUN.

LIVESTOCK CARGO STOLEN.

A fishing junk engaged on a voyage from Shanhai to Shaikwan was pirated at 10 o'clock last night outside Lyeehun Pass by a gang of five men armed with a revolver and daggers.

The pirates approached the junk in a boat and getting aboard subdued the crew of four persons. The junk had a cargo of 27 pigs, valued at \$400, which was transferred by the visitors into their vessel. The crew were then released. They made a report to the police on arrival in the harbour.

WHITE WINE.

VINHO BRANCO SHIPMENTS RESUMED.

Gande Price & Co. Ltd. have favoured the "China Mail" with a sample bottle of Vinho Branco wine, which is considered by the Portuguese community to be the leading brand of wine produced in O Porto and supplied by Messrs. Empresa Commercial do Extremo Oriente, Macao. This product of Portugal is one of the best sweet white wines and is in considerable demand in Hongkong. Of late, there have been no stocks held locally but a shipment having arrived, Gande Price & Co. Ltd. are in a position to meet all demands.

BANK RATE.

REDUCTION MADE IN VIENNA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Vienna, Jan. 27.

The National Bank has reduced the rate from 10 to 8 1/2 per cent.

SILK THEFT FIND.

MORE LOOT AND GANG'S IMPLEMENTS.

A USEFUL CLUE?

HEAVY CASH BOX STILL MISSING.

No developments have so far resulted in the search for the thieves who carried out a successful burglary at the Popular Silk Store on Sunday night, since when it is understood at least two suspicious characters have been under examination.

Reference was made in the "China Mail" on Monday to a lavatory on the fifth floor of China Building where the thieves had abandoned a portion of the stolen shawls and silks. This lavatory becomes prominent in another startling discovery made to-day.

A watchman entered the place this morning and found two bundles of silk goods and immediately reported the find at the office.

The manager of Messrs. D. Chellaram (proprietors of the Popular Silk Store) was called in at 10.30 and identified the contents of the bundles as part of the shawls and silks which were stolen.

There were altogether 39 shawls, the value of which with the silk has been assessed at \$2,531. Two of the shawls and three pieces of silk had been soaked in water.

A further discovery on opening the bundles was the presence of two pointed iron bars which were used by the thieves in digging through the floor.

How the bundles found their way into the lavatory is still a matter for investigation, but there is no doubt that the stolen property had been concealed in some part of the building and were discarded by the robbers on fleeing detection.

It is not unlikely that a heavy cash box which was removed with its contents will also be brought out from its hiding place in the interesting developments which are expected to follow.

ARMED GANGS.

NEW TERRITORIES SHOP LOOTED.

ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING.

A report of an armed robbery and kidnapping was received this morning from Lung Ku Tan village, which is in the Pin Shan district and extends into Deep Bay.

At 10 p.m. yesterday, five robbers fully armed with rifles and revolvers knocked at the door of a shop belonging to a Chinese widow, who with her family were asleep at the time. The unsuspecting woman was taken aback when she opened the door and was confronted with the robbers, one of whom she recognised as a former employee of her shop.

The men stole \$400 in money and a basket of chickens valued at \$10. They also kidnapped the woman's son and nephew and left in a boat in the direction of Lin Tin Island.

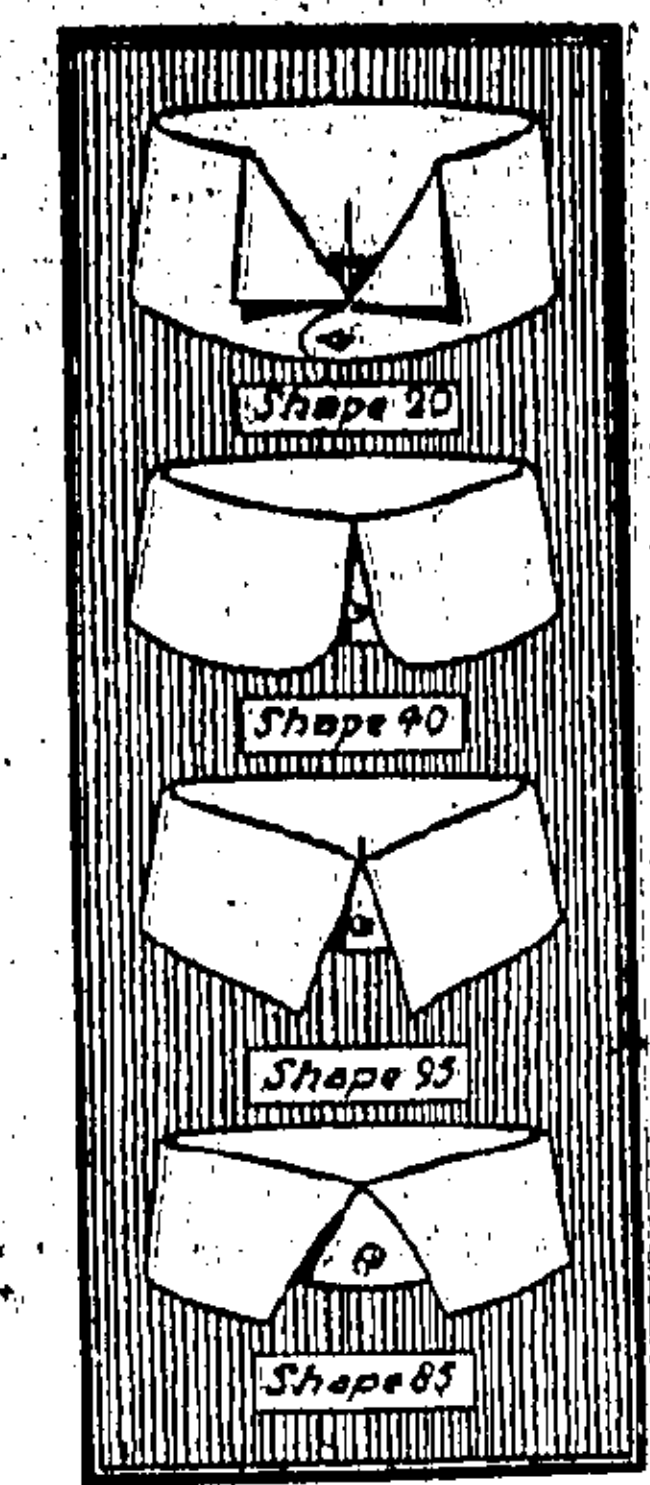
Hail at Shamshui. The inmates of No. 104, Tai Nam Street, Shamshui, had a visit from an armed gang at 4 o'clock this morning. Four men were concerned, one armed with a revolver and the others with daggers.

The robbers remained a long time in the house and escaped with booty worth \$470, comprising jewellery, money, and clothing.

MRS. H. A. JONES.

X-ray established that no injuries of a complicated nature were sustained by Mrs. H. A. Jones, wife of the manager of Moutrie's, who was taken to the French Hospital yesterday suffering from shock, bruises and abrasions sustained as a result of a Kai Yank boat overturning when near New Kowloon Dock. She is being medically attended in hospital.

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PEARL MYSTERY.

VANISHES AFTER
TESTING.
MAN ACQUITTED.

A case which had aroused much interest in the jewellery trade ended abruptly at the Old Bailey. William Giles, 45, jeweller, had been committed for trial on a charge of attempting to obtain £15 by false pretences in requesting an advance on a pearl, stated at Marylebone Police Court to be a cultured pearl.

Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., Sir Travers Humphreys, and Mr. Walter Frampton appeared for the prosecution, and Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C., Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C., and Mr. A. W. Eikon for the defence.

When the case was called, Sir Edward Marshall Hall said the pearl produced, which had been in the custody of the police, was not the one which had been tested scientifically, and in these circumstances the prosecution found it impossible to proceed. They therefore offered no evidence.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wildy): What has happened to the original pearl?

Sir Edward: That we do not know.

On the Recorder's direction, the jury formally returned a verdict of Not Guilty.

Sir Henry Maddocks said that until he came into court he had no intimation of the course to be adopted. The finest experts in the world would have been called to say that what was alleged to be false representation was not false representation at all. They would have said that a cultured pearl was in every sense a real pearl.

It was stated that the pearl in court was a different pearl from that which had been scientifically examined. Where did it come from? It struck him as being very peculiar.

He asked that the costs of the experts for the defence, who had come from the Continent, might be allowed.

The Recorder said he had allowed Sir Henry to make his statement because he thought it only right as no evidence had been offered against Mr. Giles. The only order he could make was that the expenses properly incurred by the expert witnesses should be allowed.

In discharging Mr. Giles, the Recorder said he left the court without a stain on his character.

Messrs. Orrer F. Ribeiro and Company issue a neat little diary as an advertisement by Messrs. Eberhard and Company, Swiss chronometer and watch manufacturers.

WHEN SHE FLED.

THE FIRM-FACED
WOMAN.
AN OMNIBUS COMEDY.

Passengers in a London omnibus were in the stalls, so to speak, at a private performance of a comedy entitled, or worthy of being entitled, "The Honest Bus Conductor, or Never Intervene," says the "Daily Mail."

There are omnibuses and omnibuses, of course; there are even buses, and this was one of the latter, having, as buses will, rather a bad morning. It was being stopped all the time; it was being stopped at intervals of twenty yards to receive woman after woman, frantically waving an umbrella.

The conductor was obviously a little tired. He grew still more tired shortly when a girl said, "You have given me change for a two-shilling piece and I gave you half-a-crown."

"Excuse me, miss, you gave me two shillings."

The population of the omnibus pricked up its ears and listened.

"Oh, I am sure it was half-a-crown."

"No, miss," two shillings.

At this point the firm-faced woman sitting on the seat across the aisle from the Lady of the Morning must join in. "It was half-a-crown; I saw her give it to you," said she to the conductor.

Neatly severing her jugular vein with a look, the conductor turned again to the original complainant, who was searching in her bag. Suddenly, "Oh, conductor, I'm so sorry," came her repentant voice. "You're quite right. I only had the two pieces in silver, and here's the half-crown. Please forgive me. I should have made certain first. Oh, I've got to get out here," and out she got.

And then the conductor turned on the firm-faced woman, and every passenger in the omnibus turned on the firm-faced woman. The firm-faced woman stood the silence and the glares for a minute, and then as the conductor rang his bell she fled, colliding in the doorway with an eager delegate of the Women's Professional Bus-stopping Association.

Statisticians claim there is only one bath in France to every 800 inhabitants. Now we know what they mean by French Dry Cleaning.

Boulangue (pouring watery milk in coffee): "Pierre, where you get this milk?"

Pierre: "These milk she come from my cow."

Boulangue: "Well, you had better get one tarpaulin for these cows. She leaks."

GAS FOR RATS.

DEATH RAPID AND
PAINLESS.
SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.

Some singularly successful experiments in the destruction of rats by the agency of poisonous gas were carried through a few days ago, (writes Sir W. Beach Thomas in the "Morning Post"). Landowners, farmers, and County Council representatives have joined together to give the method a thorough and scientific trial.

Farms familiar to the writer both in Berkshire and Herefordshire have been beset this year by rats, which are to be reckoned by the thousands, and, indeed, ten thousands. The signs of their presence are blazoned everywhere. Wide and remote stubble fields running up to the Berkshire downs are crossed and recrossed by narrow, polished pathways, trodden as firmly by the many rats as any deep-path on the moors. As you approach buildings or stockyards the rats increase, and every bank is swarmed. Many of the stacks are so populous that they have even externally an untidy and tumbled appearance. Confined trapping has had little effect, though the daily victims were numerous. A more wholesale method of extermination had become necessary.

The trial of the gas excited all expectations of those who were new to it. It was absolutely deadly when applied to the holes. Incidentally, it was surprising to see by the little clouds of emerging gas how very long and widely ramifying many of the holes were. In those dug up for test purposes every rat was dead, and there was no sign that the death had been painful. It must have come rapidly or the animals would have attempted escape.

A CARDINAL VIRTUE. It was, perhaps, a little less sudden in its effect in the stacks. A few rats fled from it, and some fell off the walls moribund. But even so it is more humane than most traps, and the cardinal value of the method is that it can be applied to the stacks.

Rats and mice together have been so numerous that they have devoured up to 20 per cent. of some stacks, and fouled a good deal beside. The loss to the country in food alone—without reckoning the damage to structures—must certainly be reckoned in millions. Most statisticians who have taken up the tale put the loss at a figure scarcely credible to those ill acquainted with the rat's voracity and its multitude. It may well be that the Agricultural Committee of the County Councils could give farmers, and indeed, many householders, no more concrete help than by providing apparatus for this method of extermination.

EDNA MAY.

NO HANKERING FOR
FOOTLIGHTS.

Miss Edna May (Mrs. Oscar Lewisohn), who will broadcast an introduction to "The Belle of New York" confessed that she was "horribly nervous."

"As the Salvation Army lassie in 'The Belle of New York' I faced packed houses for nearly two years, but the prospect of talking to millions of people through the microphone appals me."

"No, I don't regret leaving the stage. When I said 'good-bye' in 1907 I meant it, and, apart from one or two appearances for charity, the footlights were over for me. The lure has vanished."

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Lewisohn has lived in London. "I love it," she said, "and although I am an American, I think it the finest capital in the world."

"But I have a 'double,' and it has caused me endless fun. The woman is well known in society, and facially she is very much like me. But she is just a little older and has silver hair."

"The other night I was at the theatre and my 'double' was in a box. I was in the stalls, and between the acts I heard one woman say, 'Look! There's Edna May—but hasn't she aged!'"

"The same thing happened at a restaurant. I saw one diner pointing out my double as the American young thing who took London by storm, and is now a white-haired millionnaire. I am neither a millionnaire nor white-haired, but it was amusing."

Mrs. Lewisohn said that despite attractive offers she will not do any more professional work. "I have not kept up my voice," she said, "and without that one can do nothing."

She is now in London, and is expected to appear in "The Belle of New York" at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on January 30.

ORIGIN OF MAN.

SIR OLIVER LODGE ON
EVOLUTION.
TWO THEORIES.

Sir Oliver Lodge, speaking in mail week, at Christ Church, Westminster, on evolution, referred at the outset of his address to the signature of the Locarno Treaty.

"We are living to-day," he said, "in great historical times. Only yesterday we passed through the greatest war known to history, and the conclusion of that greatest war has witnessed what may prove to be the greatest pact. I see in it a sign of hope that the nations are going to stand, or try to stand, together. Mankind might have destroyed itself with internecine strife, but man has plenty to do in his struggle with Nature, and it is madness for him to struggle with his fellow-man. Man has a great future before him. Sooner or later the dawn of peace must come, and perhaps it is coming now."

Turning to the subject of his address, Sir Oliver Lodge said that both in America and in Britain people were apt to think that there was something wrong about evolution, and that it was antithetical to creation. Spencer might have thought that he was replacing a personal process, guided by something like will and intention, by, so to speak, a mechanical operation among the things themselves. The attempt thus to explain evolution had led to a material philosophy. This had not been so much wrong as incomplete. As an intermediate step it had been helpful in biology, and was still helpful.

LIFE-BLOOD OF SCIENCE. Soon, however, it had been carried too far, so as to exclude mind and purpose from the universe. It was now recognised that the theory was insufficient and faulty, and could not provide an explanation. It was a mistake to oppose evolution to creation; it should be regarded rather as a method of creation.

The idea of sudden creation similarly was erroneous, but it also contained elements of truth. The feeling of antagonism between the two views and the feeling of alarm and dislike of one of them had survived in certain States of America, and had led to an attempt to suppress the disliked view by legal enactment.

It was not by legal enactment that truth was really served. Freedom was the life-blood of science, and freedom was only consistent with the power of making mistakes and going wrong, as well as with the power of ascertaining truth and going right. Crudities were not confined to one side of the controversy, and as sectarian differences had limited freedom on the one side, it had secured time also to limit freedom on the other.

In the Biblical account of the Creation contained in the first and second chapters of Genesis there were two different accounts of the same event, and the chapters represented a most poetical description of the origin of all things. They were sometimes erroneously taken as intended to be a description of the facts of the origin of the world. Science did not go back to the ultimate origins, but poetry could outstrip the limits of science; it did not aim at being the precise, and did not appeal to the reason but to the imagination.

INSPIRATION. It was a mistake to exclude factors other than reason. There was, for instance, inspiration; but what that meant had not been defined, which was just as well, as it was not known what it was. He was certain of the existence of the spiritual world, and he believed that it was from that source that inspiration came.

In the first book of Genesis the statement was made that the divine spirit brooded over the waters—a poetic expression indicative of a mind planning and executing. If people said there was no mind at work they were making a baseless assertion, but they were right if they said that mind was working by evolution. Only the philosophers of Guillev's Laputa would imagine that there was no mind at work. The most automatic of automatic machines was proof of the mind of its creator.

Sir Oliver Lodge questioned whether we were right in believing in a beginning and an end. So far as the material world was concerned he believed in a recurrent cycle of events. He believed in regeneration in something of the nature of an eternal "now."

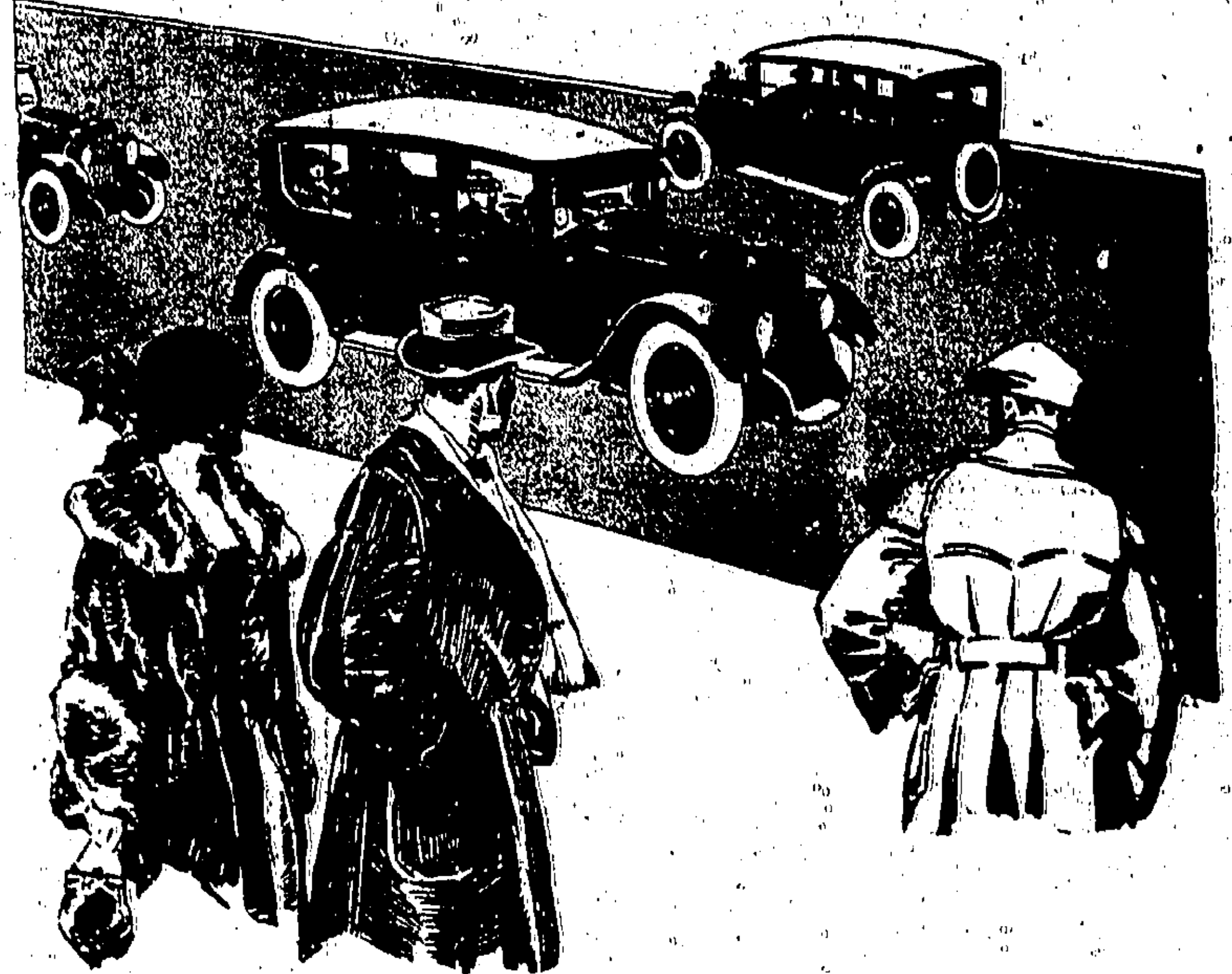
He said: "Where are you off to, Dan?"

Dan: "I'm going to see the doctor. I don't like the look of my wife."

Dan: "I'll come with you—I don't think much of the look of mine."

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"Women are no longer satisfied with imitating men by smoking and drinking," writes a Home correspondent. "They have also acquired the habit of using strong language."

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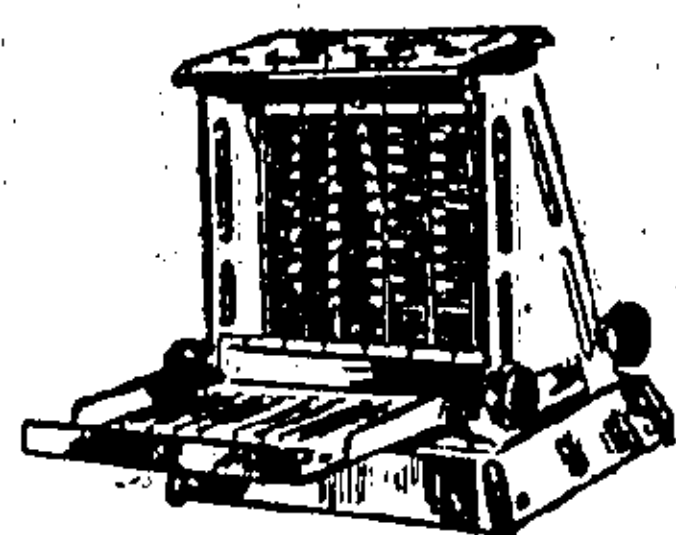
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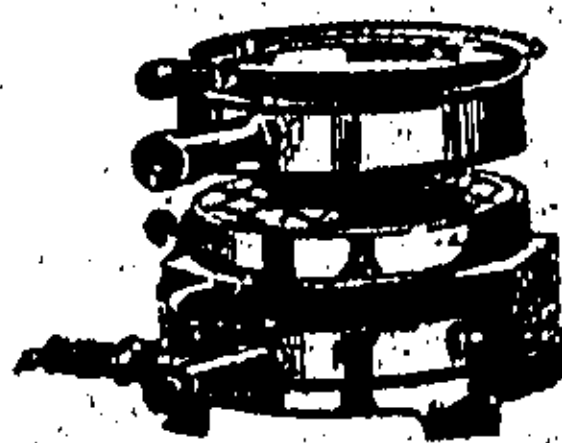
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EMPIRE SETTLEMENT.

It is a disturbing thought that possibly much more might be made of the British Empire than is being made at the moment; that had France, America or Germany the same dominions under their control as has Britain, things would be managed differently. Britain prides herself on her freedom. Her people are free and there is full liberty. There is no repression and citizenship is on a lofty pinnacle. And yet would any other nation let the great open spaces she possesses, remain so while large numbers of her people are idle and hardship as a consequence is rife? Would not another nation similarly situated as Britain is at the present moment, make emigration to her possessions compulsory? The Home Country is saddled with a tremendous number of unemployed, which it subsidises, with a generous dole. Commonsense would seem to dictate that a mild form of transportation is called for. True the question of economics comes into the matter. It would be of no earthly use settling people in distant portions of the earth if no gain would ensue, and if the burden would only be removed to other shoulders. But we have the word of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as to "the Dominions with their virgin regions with possibilities immeasurable" and his appeal for settlement in these regions as a definite career. There is virile Australia with a population that crowds into its main cities leaving a mere handful in the out districts, and allowing an alien influx from southern Europe to engage in such things as sugarcane cultivation. The same may not apply to Canada and South Africa, but each has opportunities for a settlement of the right kind of people not to be ignored. The Prince's appeal once more raises the question of the Empire and its development. It brings into prominence the seemingly insoluble problem of unemployment—so dependent in present circumstances on a revival of trade—and suggests a remedy. The issue should be made one of practical politics—one of patriotism. Experiments should certainly be made and a

diversion of the dole attempted in the way of assisting emigrants to settle in places where there is work to be done and where conditions can soon be made leading to health and happiness and that contentment which should be the birthright of everyone.

Significant?

Hongkong, as well as Shanghai, shipbuilding firms must feel aggrieved at the news that the tender of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works—a Chinese Government concern—to build six new American gunboats at \$154,000 (gold) each, has been accepted. The quotations of the Hongkong tenders are not disclosed, but the offers of two well-known British yards in Shanghai have been turned down, even although these were below the price of the Chinese Government concern. Thus, the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company tendered \$107,500 (gold) and the New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works tendered £184,000. It may be alleged by some that this remarkable preference to China is part and parcel of the American policy to placate the Chinese, with a view to extracting trade concessions more favourable than those granted to the British. Whether it can be condemned as a sop of this nature cannot, of course, be advanced until fuller information is forthcoming relating to the reasons actuating the acceptance of the higher Chinese offer to build the six gunboats. To wait in hope of such information being forthcoming, and to actually obtain such information, are two different propositions. In any event, it is no consolation to British tenderers to find that, although their quotations are the lowest, they stand little chance in open competition with the Chinese so far as the American naval authorities are concerned. The incident is not a pleasant or edifying one in its relation to international competition; although it may still be found that a satisfactory, or at least plausible, explanation is available for the mere asking.

THEY SAY THAT—

I think all motor vehicles travel too fast. — Westminster County Court Judge.

Few women have the skill to make clothes for their children nowadays. — North London Magistrate.

If you take music out of the world I am going with it. — Gipsy Smith.

Either the nations must scrap submarines, bombing aeroplanes, and poison gas, or they will scrap civilisation. — Mr. Hudson Maxim.

Sooner or later there will be a Locarno for the States of Central Europe. — Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia.

Unhappiness has gone out of fashion. — Mr. A. E. Walkley.

The deadliest poison of our time is irresponsibility. — President of the United Methodist Church.

The most terrible thing that could happen to a man or a nation is that the intellect should get ahead of the spiritual. — Sir Conan Doyle.

Unemployment figures nearly bring tears to my eyes. — Hull Stipendiary Magistrate.

Locarno should make one family of Europe, with its health tended by the League of Nations. — M. Briand.

Our language is a mainly language and we must take care to keep it in a mainly state. — Mr. St. John Ervine.

Has not the time arrived when the Ministers of Education of the five or six most advanced nations should agree to make English a subject of school teaching? — Norman Angell.

CANTON'S REPLY.

REVIEW OF BOYCOTT
PARLEYS.

"NO LOCUS STANDI."

Dated January 25, the Canton Government has published a reply to Hongkong's review of the "strike" and "boycott" negotiations.

As published in the "Canton Gazette" the statement reads:—"The Government at Canton had, from the time that the Hongkong Government showed a desire to commence negotiations with a view to a settlement of the strike, done everything possible to facilitate them. At the same time, it should be remembered that the strike was instituted by Hongkong workers, not for economic reasons, but as a protest against the British Government, primarily for the shooting which took place in Shanghai on May 30 last, and subsequently for the shooting which took place in Canton on June 23. The strike was therefore a political one in which the principles were the Hongkong Government and the workers; when later a boycott was instituted, Canton merchants and workers joined in as principals on the side of the Hongkong workers. The Government at Canton, though deeply interested in the issue, was not a party to the strike or boycott. Hence any formal negotiations taking place ought to be between the principals on the two sides and the Government could have no locus standi in them. The absurdity of the Government appointing plenipotentiaries to negotiate on a matter outside its powers need only be pointed out to be appreciated. Obviously the only capacity in which it could participate, if it participated at all, was that of a mediator, and this was pointed out to the Hongkong Government. But the Hongkong Government was unwilling to negotiate directly with the strikers and merchants and desired to deal with the Government. This explains the failure of the first proposal to appoint four Hongkong merchants and of the second proposal to appoint officials. The Hongkong Government's reluctance to deal with the strikers is so much the more difficult to understand, having in view the frequency with which the British Government negotiates directly, and effects settlements with strikers in Britain.

"Although the Government could not take part except as mediator in any formal negotiations, informally it did much to assist in bringing about an early settlement. When the Governor of Hongkong expressed a desire that a member of the Government should visit him in order to have a preliminary and informal exchange of views, one of its most important officials was sent at once for that purpose. When the Hongkong official who later came to Canton separated the strikers' terms into two classes, political and economic, and expressed reluctance to negotiate with the strikers on the political terms, the Government agreed to find a formula for their negotiation if the economic terms were accepted in principle. Incidentally it may be mentioned that in the absence of such acceptance the mission of the eight Chinese merchants empowered to negotiate only on the economic terms was foredoomed to failure aside from the added reason that the strikers could not see how they could negotiate with representatives of Hongkong Chinese merchants against whom they had had no grievance and declared no strike. As a further instance of the efforts made by the Government to facilitate settlement, when the Hongkong Government pointed out the difficulty of reinstating some of the strikers, reinstatement and strike pay being the so-called economic terms, it agreed to advise the strikers to accept compensation instead, in those cases where reinstatement was actually impossible. Furthermore, it promised, when the Hongkong Government would agree in principle to the two economic terms, to use all its influence with the strikers to bring about an early settlement. These facts show that the Government has gone very far in using its good offices to facilitate matters between Hongkong and the strikers.

"The Government is still animated by the same sincere desire to see an early settlement and is ready to continue its efforts to assist the two sides."

The majority of eminent scholars have no scholarly lineage. They come from Highland glens, Welsh hillsides, English villages. There must be throughout the length and breadth of our land immense and virgin fields of untapped scholarly talent. — Sir Arthur Keith.

AMERICA IN!

ADHERENCE TO WORLD
COURT.

SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 27. The Senate, by 76 votes to 17, has ratified the resolution providing for adherence to the World Court.

RESOLUTIONS IN THE
SENATE.

MULTITUDE OF RESERVATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 27. The Senate reservations, which were moved by the Democrat, Senator Swanson, were carried by 89 votes to one.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

Washington, Jan. 27. Senator Reed was unsuccessful in an effort to add the provision that: "The Monroe Doctrine be classed as the principle of International Law, binding the Court."

It is understood that a multitude of other reservations are likely to be proposed by individual Senators during the next day or two; but it is not anticipated that any of them will be approved.

WHAT WAS APPROVED.

Other reservations, which were approved overwhelmingly, provided for the withdrawal of the United States from the World Court at any time; that the statutes of the Court could not be amended without the consent of the United States; "advisory opinions" must be rendered publicly, and no such opinion affecting the United States could be rendered unless the United States consented; the signature of the United States could not be affixed to the protocol of the Court until other nations, members of the Court, had accepted the American reservations; and recourse to the Court for the settlement of differences between the United States and any other State could be had only by agreement beforehand by a general or special Treaty between the parties to the dispute.

NO ENTANGLEMENTS!

The Senate also approved the statement that adherence to the Court should not be construed as requiring the United States to depart from her traditional policy of opposition to entangling alliances or from her traditional attitude toward purely American questions.

Talking Marathon.

The drastic application of the closure failed to stem the current of debate as the hour approached to take a final vote. Old controversies as regards the League, the policies of ex-President Wilson, and many other issues were raised again, and once or twice during the debate touched on the question of religious tolerance and the Ku Klux Klan.

A distinguished company of spectators listened to the debate in the packed galleries.

KAISER'S BIRTHDAY.

SPECIAL SERVICE HELD AT
DOORN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 27. The ex-Crown Prince was absent from the ex-Kaiser's birthday celebrations, owing, it is believed, to objections being raised in consequence of his flight from Wieringen.

A special service was held in the ex-Kaiser's house at Doorn, which was attended by Princess Hermine, Princess Louise, her husband and children; Prince Henry of Prussia; and Princess Margaret of Hesse.

[The following was cabled from Amsterdam on January 23.—It is reported that the Netherlands Government has agreed to allow the former Crown Prince of Germany to visit Doorn, on the anniversary of the ex-Kaiser's birthday, on January 27.]

HER GILDED PET.

Strollers on the terrace outside the Casino at Monte Carlo were startled to see a beautifully dressed woman clad in deep rose with touches of gilded leather, who led by a long chain of gold and platinum a large tortoise. The animal's shell had been completely gilded over, and shimmered brilliantly in the blazing sun.

It showed no hurry to get to the tables, and presently stopped dead.

The owner thereupon sat down on one of the blue and white benches and calmly produced a small lettuce from her vanity bag with which she fed and enticed her curious and flamboyant pet. Then she continued their majestic progress.

OVER-SEAS LEAGUE.

REORGANISED LOCAL
BRANCH.

SECRETARY LEAVES.

Mr. Eric Rice, assistant secretary to the Overseas League, is leaving the colony to-day. His visit has been very successful and many new members have been enrolled. He has arranged for a Committee to continue the work of the League in the Colony and hopes that they will be able to do much to forward the objects which the League has in view.

Enquiries may be addressed to members of the committee, who will be glad to give any information desired.

Mr. G. R. Edwards has consented to act as the official secretary for the Hongkong branch of the League.

Following are the officers of the League in Hongkong.

Honorary Vice-Presidents, H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G. and Lady Clementi; Committee, Mrs. H. W. Bird, 27, The Peak, representing ladies of Hongkong, Miss Elma Birkett 532, The Peak, representing the younger community, Mr. J. Bullock, Colonial Secretary's Office, representing the government service, Mr. B. R. Forster, private secretary to H.E. the Governor representing H.E. the Governor, Mr. G. R. Edwards, Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., representing the commercial firms, Mr. S. J. Jordan, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., representing Kowloon, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Messrs. Williamson & Co., representing shipping, Lieut-Colonel T. A. Robertson, Hongkong Club, representing the Hongkong Club, Major J. Macready, D.S.O., military headquarters, representing the military, Mr. A. S. Abbott, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., representing stores, Mr. R. L. Moncrieff, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation representing the banks.

TROOPS REVOLT.

PEKING-HANKOW TRAFFIC
STOPPED.

RAILWAY CUT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Hankow, Jan. 26.

There is a complete stoppage of regular traffic on the Peking-Hankow Railway.

It is rumoured that the line has been cut between Kioshan and Suiping.

Meanwhile there are extensive troop movements from Hankow to Honan, troop trains leaving hourly this morning.

Troops from other sections of Hupeh are concentrating here.

It is reported from Honan that large numbers of troops revolted against the Kuomintang (General Feng Yu-shiang's party). They are calling themselves the Tachichun or self-governing army; and combining with the Hupeh Northern Expedition.



MRS. MARY COPPLE THAW

With her son, Harry Keniall Thaw, at her bedside, Mrs. Mary Copple Thaw, venerable widow of the steel magnate, is dying at her residence in Pittsburgh.

Mariners concerned with the Hainan Straits should note the dangers to navigation in that locality, reported on the last trip of the s.s. "Lok Sun."

ITALIAN DEBT SETTLEMENT.

GENEROUS CONCESSIONS BY BRITAIN.

CEMENTING FRIENDSHIP BONDS.

Further Step In The Reconstruction of Europe.

Another step on the way to post-war recovery was reached by the signing in London yesterday, of the Debt Agreement between Italy and Great Britain, the latter making generous concessions which, in the words of Mr. Winston Churchill, will further cement the unbroken bonds of friendship between the two nations and mark a further advance in the reconstruction of Europe.

TERMS DISCLOSED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 27.

The British-Italian Debt agreement was signed this morning at the Treasury by Mr. Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Count Volpi, Italian Minister of Finance.

The agreement provides that Italy shall pay two millions sterling in the current financial year; four millions in each of the next two years; and four and a quarter millions in the succeeding years until 1936-37.

The payment will be made in sterling half-yearly, the first payment taking place on March 15 next.

Italy will issue and deliver to the British Treasury by February 20 bonds in respect of each of the payments provided for, which are to be free of all Italian taxes.

Italy has the option of postponing such part of any of the half-yearly instalments falling due on or after September 15, 1928, as exceeds the sum of one million pounds for not more than two years, but only on condition that the instalments falling due in the second succeeding year cannot be postponed until the instalments due for two years and one year previously shall have been paid in full. Postponed payments shall bear interest at five per cent. per annum.

AN IMPORTANT CLAUSE.

An important clause of the agreement provides that, if at any time it appears that aggregate payments effectively received by Great Britain under the Allied debt funding agreements and on account of reparations or of liberation demands, exceed the aggregate payments effectively made by Great Britain to the Government of the United States of America in respect of war debts, an account shall be drawn up by the British Treasury, interest at five per cent. being allowed on both sides of the account. If that account shows that the receipts exceed the payments, Great Britain will credit Italy, against the payments next due by Italy with such proportion of that excess as the payments effectively made by Italy bear to the aggregate sums effectively received by Great Britain under all Allied war debt funding agreements. Thereafter a similar account will be drawn up by the British Treasury each year, and any further excess of receipts over payments shall each year give rise to a credit to Italy of her proportion of such excess.

On the other hand, any deficit shall be made good by an increase in the payments next due by Italy up to a similar proportion of such deficit within the limit of the total amount of credits already allowed to Italy under this article.

DISPOSAL OF GOLD DEPOSITS.

Finally, the agreement stipulates that the sum of £22,200,000, in gold, belonging to Italy, which was deposited under the agreements of 1915 against the Italian debt, will be retained by Great Britain as a non-interest bearing deposit, and will be released to Italy as to the sum of £1,000,000 in eight equal half-yearly instalments commencing on September 15, 1928, and terminating on March 15, 1932, and as to the balance in equal half-yearly instalments commencing on September 15, 1932, and terminating on September 15, 1937, provided always that all annuities due under the agreement have been integrally paid to date.

SPEECH BY CHANCELLOR.

Happy Relations With Italy.

Before the signatures were appended to the agreement short speeches were made by Mr. Winston Churchill and Count Volpi.

Mr. Churchill said that the British Government in leaving him a wide discretionary power in the negotiations, had desired him to take into consideration the whole course of Great Britain's happy relations with Italy.

in the immense tasks of war and in the period of reconstruction. Great Britain had always recognised that the payment of debt must take full account of the capacity of payment of the debtor. He was glad to have been able to carry through a definite settlement which, in the judgment of the British Government, was of a most generous character, having regard to Great Britain's own obligations.

He believed that this settlement would cement the long and unbroken bonds of British-Italian friendship. He was sure that it would conduce to the re-establishment of Italy's credit on a secure and stable basis, and that the concessions which Great Britain had made would be more than compensated by this further step in the restoration of Europe.

DETAILS EXPLAINED.

BRITAIN'S IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGE.

In an interview with the Press after the agreement had been signed, Mr. Winston Churchill made a detailed explanation of its terms. He pointed out that the Italian sterling bills falling due at various dates, and held by Great Britain to the amount of £510,840,000, represented a value at the present time of £592,000,000. When allowance was made for Great Britain's obligation to release £22,200,000 deposited by Italy against her war debt, Italy's total net war debt amounted to about £572,000,000.

Having dealt with the method by which the annuities for repayment would be made, Mr. Churchill remarked that this meant that practically the British Treasury would receive £4,000,000 annually for 62 years. The Italian Government, he added, took the sole responsibility for those payments, which were not dependent on the amount received by Italy from reparations.

BALFOUR NOTE PRINCIPLE.

In making passing reference to the clause in the agreement dealing with the Balfour Note principle, Mr. Churchill remarked that up to the present Great Britain had paid the United States £100,000,000, and had received from reparations £25,000,000 and nothing from war debts.

He proceeded to examine the settlement in relation to the pari passu principle, and for this purpose, he said, comparison with the settlement made between Italy and the United States became necessary. But there were many points of the dispute about what would actually constitute pari passu, and in the case of the American debt there was no question of a gold deposit to be considered; and the other points of difference made simple actuarial calculations inappropriate.

In this connection he mentioned the relative importance that was to be attached to early payments against late large payments. On strict actuarial calculations the British settlement was considerably less favourable, but it was more favourable on a pari passu basis for the next 22 years, and much more so in the immediate future.

A WIDE DISCRETION.

Mr. Churchill said that the Cabinet had left him a very wide discretion in these negotiations, and had directed him to have regard to various other considerations, such, for example, as the whole of British relationship with Italy before, during and since the war. That relationship had been one of unbroken friendship and cordial co-operation in many fields. He had also to remember that on various occasions previous British Governments had tentatively discussed the question of debt repayments, and, although no legally binding offers had been made, the proposals tendered to Italy at such times, as when the French entered the Ruhr had to be borne in mind.

These and other considerations made actuarial calculations, and comparison with the American settlement difficult, if not impossible.

FIRST APPRECIABLE RELIEF.
Concluding, Mr. Churchill remarked that the settlement constituted the first appreciable relief that Great Britain had received in respect of her debt, and it had not been obtained at the price of bitterness. It would probably rather cement the goodwill that had hitherto existed between the two countries.

CELEBRATING EVENT.

GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY BANQUET.

Rugby, Jan. 27.

In celebration of the signature this morning of the agreement for funding the Italian War Debt to Britain of £460,000,000, a banquet to Count Volpi and Mr. Winston Churchill has been arranged for to-night when the Goldsmiths' Company will be hosts.

PRESS EULOGIES.

WELL RECEIVED IN ROME.

(Reuters Service.)

Rome, Jan. 27.
The entire Press eulogises the agreement made between Italy and Great Britain, the proceedings at which concluded in an atmosphere of great cordiality.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

SWARAJISTS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS.

ASSEMBLY MOTION CARRIED.

(Reuters Service.)

Delhi, Jan. 27.

The Assembly by 53 votes to 45 carried the Swarajist motion, asking for the release of all political prisoners detained without trial and urging for the trial under ordinary law of persons against whom the Government had sufficient evidence to go to Court; and the removal of the difficulties in the way of Indian exiles returning to India.

NO GENERAL AMNESTY.

Sir Alexander Muddiman, the Home Member, claimed that the Bengal Ordinance had succeeded; for not a single outrage had occurred after Government had acted under it. The Government could not indulge in the luxury of a general amnesty, but if deserving cases were brought to his notice, he would consider them favourably. The Government would not oppose Indian exiles returning to India; but it would not guarantee that all of them would not be prosecuted.

RUBBER PROFITS.

ENQUIRY INTO AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE WANTED.

(Reuters American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 27.

Mr. Eugene Black (Democrat, Texas) introduced a motion in the House of Representatives authorising the appointment of a special committee of the House to investigate the profits of the American rubber industry. He added that the Commerce Committee enquired only into "foreign monopolies."

NOTICE.

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WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 29th October, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st February 1926, instead of 2nd November, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 1st April, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 1st April, 1926.

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LIBERAL SPLIT.

DEFECTION OF SIR A. MOND.

LORD OXFORD'S REPLY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 27.

Lord Oxford, in a letter to Sir Alfred Mond, M.P. for Carmarthen, whose resignation from the Liberal Party was announced yesterday, expresses regret that before publicity was given to Sir Alfred Mond's letter, he (Lord Oxford) was not afforded an opportunity of discussing the matter with him.

Lord Oxford's letter adds: "The land policy of the party is, as you know, to be the subject of full and entirely unfettered discussion next month at a representative conference. I am not aware what reasons you have for presupposing what its conclusions will be."

[The defection from the ranks of his followers of Sir Alfred Mond is undoubtedly a severe blow to Mr. Lloyd George. Sir Alfred has revolted on more 'solid grounds' than the other recalcitrants in the Liberal Party, who have been actuated almost entirely by motives of personal dislike of Mr. George. When a man of the undoubted business acumen of Sir Alfred Mond disapproves so strongly of the land scheme as to take the step he has done, in spite of his long association with the promulgator of the scheme, it is a matter for serious consideration.

Sir Alfred Mond disapproves so strongly of the land scheme as to take the step he has done, in spite of his long association with the promulgator of the scheme, it is a matter for serious consideration. Sir Alfred Mond objects to it because it would involve a huge bureaucratic system of land control. It may be pointed out, however, that while there is this strong dissent, there is also a remarkable unanimity of opinion amongst numerous people of all shades of political colour who believe that some such reform as that put forward by the Liberal Party is necessary. For instance, a scheme, possessing very similar features has been advanced by Messrs. Orwen and Peel, who have approached the matter entirely from a Conservative point of view.

It looks as if the scheme will decide once and for all the fortunes of the Liberal Party. If sufficient enthusiasm can be aroused for it in the country, there will be a chance of retrieving the fortunes of Liberalism. On the other hand, if the scheme arouses greater disaffection than agreement, it will equally unquestionably prove to be the last straw on the back of the Liberal camel.]

DECENT HOUSING.

GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME IN SCOTLAND.

A GRAVE EMERGENCY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 27.

In his speech at Stirling last night, the Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) emphasised the urgency of the housing problem in Scotland, where housing arrears were not being overtaken but were being increased. He felt that the time had come to meet the grave emergency. He believed that by alternative methods they could provide, rapidly and at reasonable prices, suitable housing which would serve the people until ordinary methods of building could catch up with the necessities of the situation.

Steel Houses.
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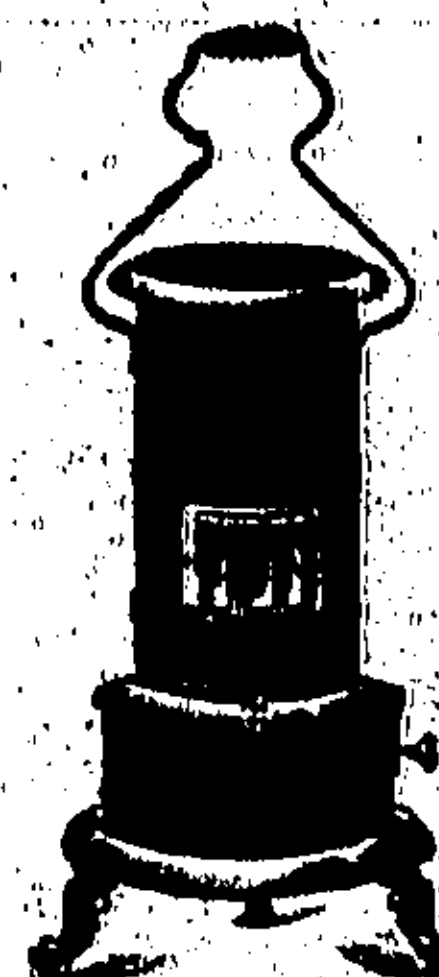
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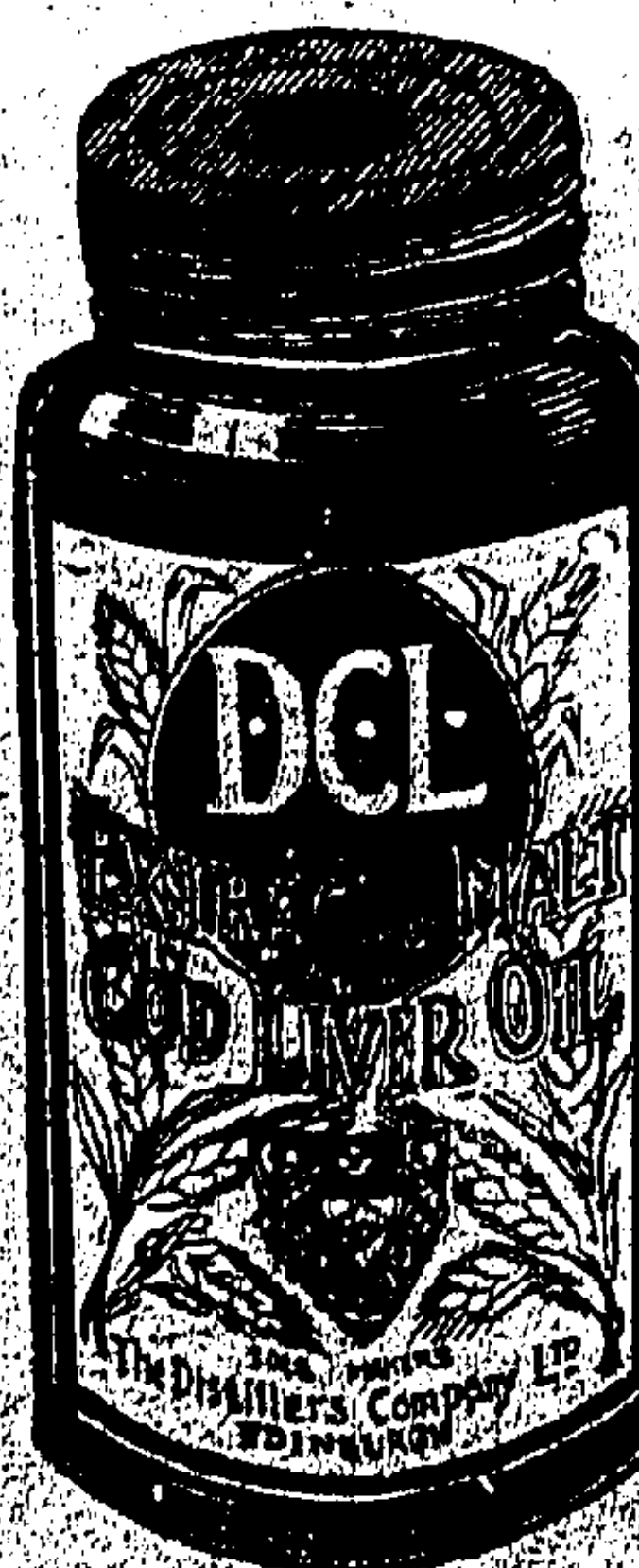
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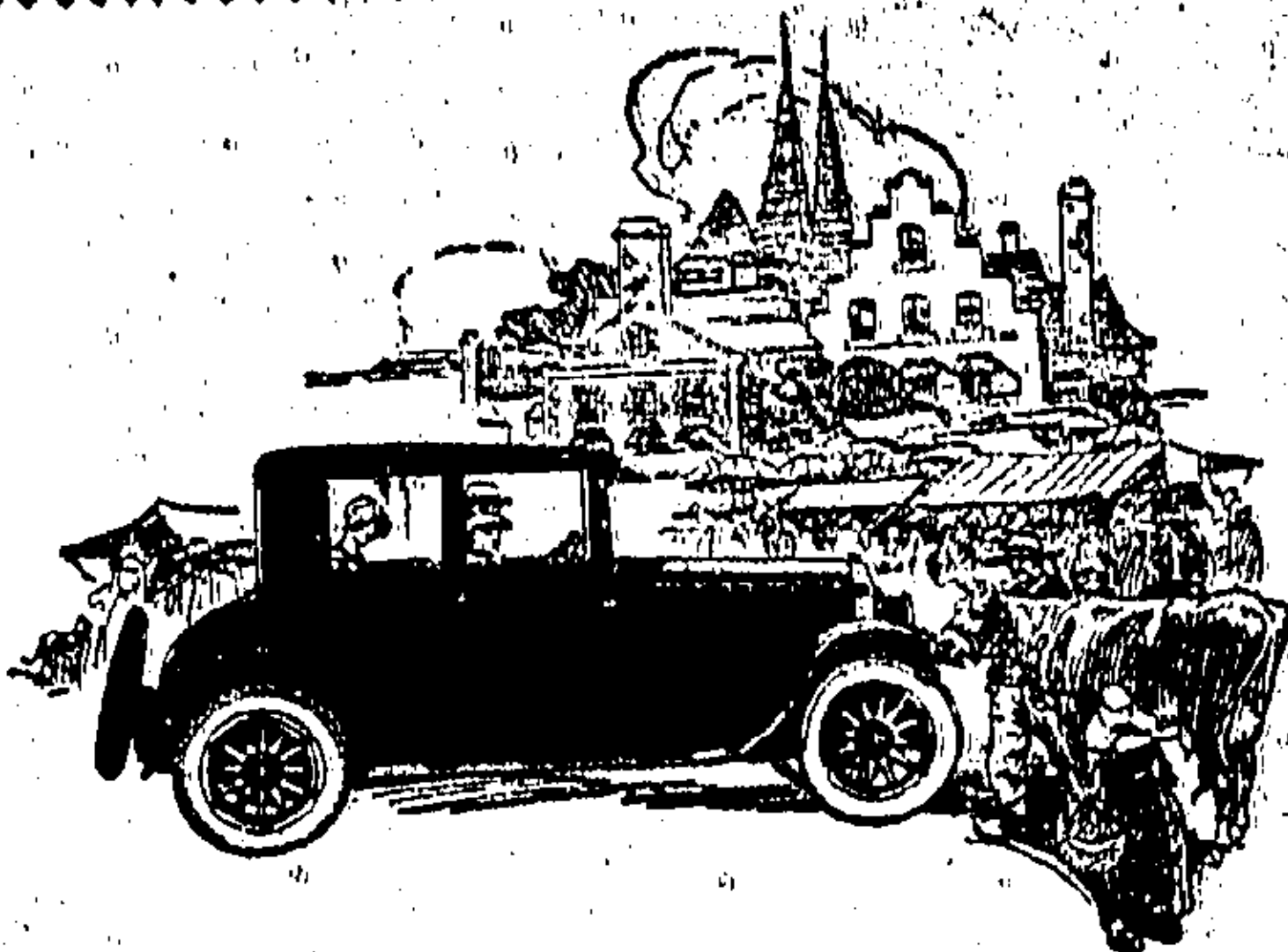
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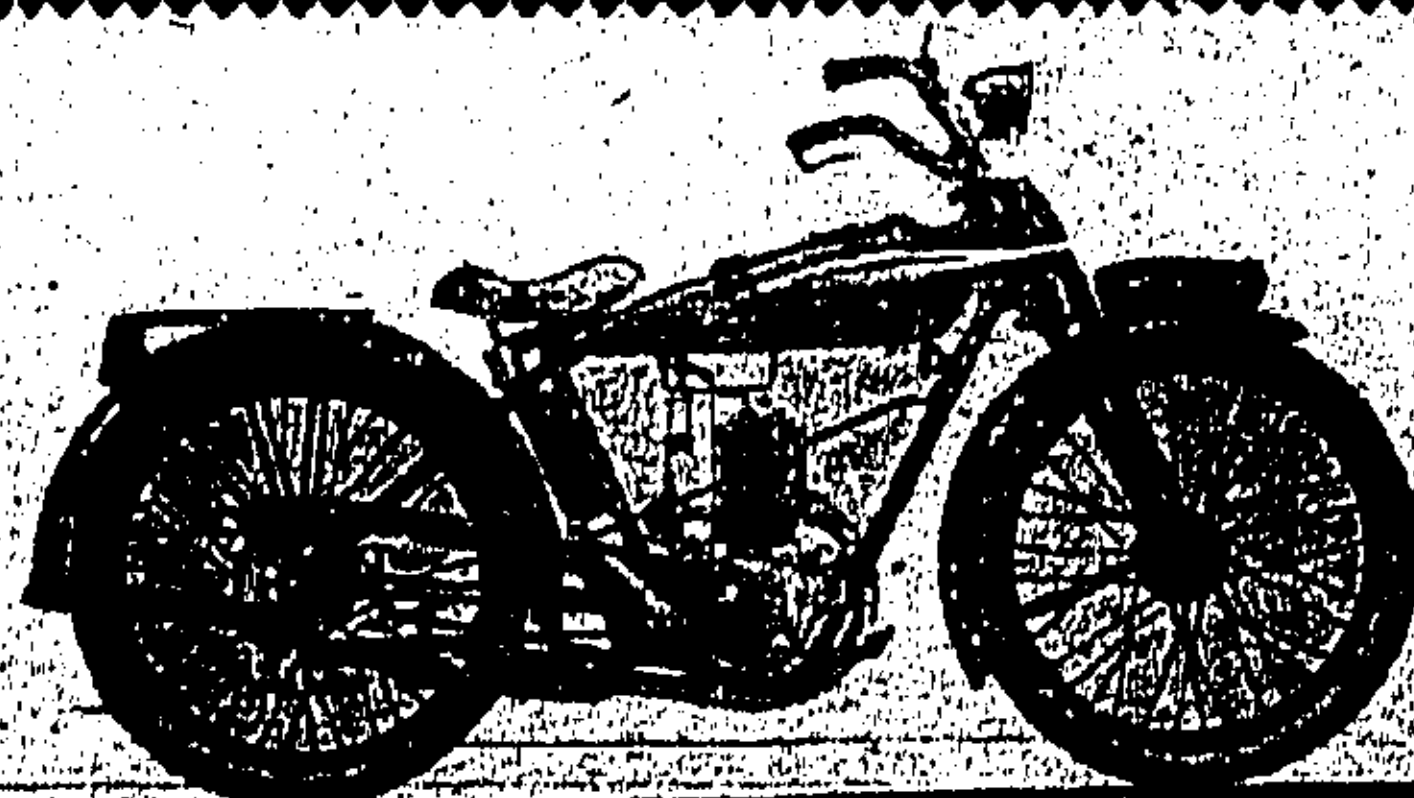
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association is to be held on February 22.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday shows one Chinese case of diphtheria.

The northern part of Japan has been experiencing snowstorms this month which are described as the heaviest seen for 35 years.

The Nan Yuan Golf Course in Peking was opened on January 17, making the third links in Peking. The course at present numbers nine holes but arrangements have been already started to enlarge it to 18.

The "Court System of Great Britain" was the subject of a lecture given yesterday, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Shanghai, by Mr. R. G. McDonald of the firm of Tuedale, Newman and McDonald in a series of talks on courts of the various nations represented in Shanghai.

There will be a rally of Singapore Boy Scouts at Government House on Saturday January 30, at 4.15 p.m., at which the Chief Scout for Malaya, H.E. Sir Laurence N. Guillemard, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., and Lady Guillemard, will be present. On this occasion Mr. Frank C. Sandis, Commissioner for Malaya, will be presented with the M.B.E., decoration and parchment, and after various displays by the several local troops, Lady Guillemard will distribute the trophies for 1925.

More than 26,000 poems were submitted for the annual Japanese Imperial poetry contest held at the Imperial Palace on January 18. The 10 best poems were to be presented to the Empress for her perusal. More than 100 contributions came from Japanese living in California, Hongkong, Singapore and other parts of the world. Among the contributors from abroad was Mrs. Matsudaira, wife of the Japanese Ambassador to the United States. The Empress herself submitted a poem.

Willesden defendants: I am a bricklayer and build houses for other people, but cannot get one for myself.

The committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce meets at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) to discuss matters of importance.

There has lately arrived over 2,000 barrels of coal for the Malacca Municipality and F.W.D., and it is understood that a heavy programme of road construction is to be carried out this year.

An advertisement appears in the "Times" for an assistant health officer for the Municipality of Singapore, unmarried, not over thirty. Salary \$600 per month, rising to \$680, with transport allowances.

H.M.S. Cairo, on her way from Trincomalee to Calcutta, sighted the brigantine Delhi, 331 tons, derelict, and a danger to navigation. The Cairo towed her to Trincomalee under circumstances of considerable difficulty.

The steamer "Lady McCullum" sank half an hour after striking a rock off Ceylon a fortnight ago. All the boats were lowered within twenty-five minutes of the crash. The lights failed about ten minutes after the collision, as a result of the engine-room being flooded. Only two lives were lost—those of Master Abeywardene and the Captain's servant-boy, an elderly Bengali Mohammedan.

With a view to testing the cancer theory advanced last July by Dr. W. E. Gye and J. E. Barnard, it was disclosed that six London physicians had been inoculated with living cancer germs and that not one of them showed any indication of the disease. The Gye-Barnard theory is that cancer is caused by a non-filterable virus which is harmless if a certain chemical agent, called by Dr. Gye the "specific factor," is absent. The physicians were inoculated with the cancer germ minus the "specific factor."

With two Magistrates sitting together at the Kowloon Court yesterday, a Chinese was sentenced to three years' hard labour on a charge of unlawful possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

Eight men were required to carry the coffin of Tutankhamen, which was brought to Cairo from Luxor and is now in the Cairo Museum. The intrinsic gold value of the coffin is estimated at \$40,000.

A native picked up what appeared to be a lead pencil outside the Assistant Resident's office at Djocja. On reaching home, he tried to open the pencil. There was an explosion in consequence of which the finger had to be conveyed to the Military Hospital, states the Sumatra Bode.

Some Christmas records in London. Highest temperature 57 degrees in 1882. Lowest, 8 degrees (24 degrees of frost) in 1860. Never more than 6 degrees of frost since 1906. Never entirely sunless since 1912. December 24-27 never entirely without rain or snow since 1907. Worst snowstorm, Boxing Day, 1886 (9 to 14 inches in suburbs). Five Christmas fogs this century.

Most people here, says the "Malay Mail," know the Mission to Seamen collecting boxes which are placed in the Seangor Club and in the bar at the Station, and therefore the figures for the past few years may be of some interest. They are as follows:—1922, \$47.99; 1923, \$30.98; 1924, \$29.98; 1925, \$21.78. Curiously enough donors seem to have been more numerous in slump years than in prosperous ones—but perhaps they had then fewer calls on their purses. The Mission to Seamen does good work in providing homes for sailors at the great ports and in protecting them from the land sharks, male and female, who would quickly deprive them of their earnings, and is well deserving of public support.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. G. Goggin returned to the Colony yesterday from Manila by the "President Madison."

Mr. F. W. Mackie, of the firm of Pearson, Mackie, Atwell & Co., in Kobe, expects to leave the latter part of this month for a trip to England and Scotland.

Mr. H. Edwin V. Andrews of the C.I.M. Chifoo, was married to Miss Grace A. Funk of the A.B.C.F.M. Shaowu, Fukien, on January 19 at Foochow.

The memorial hospital erected by the Chinese for the late Father Angelus Melotto, of the Roman Catholic Mission, who was killed by bandits in Hupeh in 1923, was opened on January 14 by Marshal Hsiao Yao-nan in the presence of Chinese and foreign officials and representatives.

Says the "N.C. Daily News":—"We have received a cheque for \$154, contributed by the staff of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, accompanied by a \$10 note, given anonymously, with the request that this money should be divided between St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies in memory of Mr. Eric M. Ross, who had at one time been Vice-President of the former institution. We have forwarded \$82 to the hon. treasurers of each society."

According to an announcement made prior to his departure from Shanghai, Mr. G. D. Musso, who is en route for Italy at the present time where he will spend about six months, plans to publish a book dealing with certain phases of China before his return. The book will be published in Italy and promises interesting features of Mr. Musso's numerous contacts in China. Mr. Musso is a member of the legal firm of Musso and Fischer and was one of the captives in the Shanghai bandit outrage a few years ago.

Those elected to seats on the Shanghai French Municipal Council are:

Name	Votes
E. S. Wilkinson	673
L. Blum	562
Basset	545
H. J. Sheridan	448

The votes of those not elected were as follows:

Name	Votes
M. Spielman	535
Edgson	398

Mr. T. L. Fox has been appointed secretary of the Selangor Turf Club.

Mr. Basil de Souza, a student of the King Edward VII College of Medicine, and the second son of Dr. F. O. B. de Souza, of Singapore, went home on the 15th instant by the P. and O. mail steamer Macedonia to continue and complete his medical education at the Edinburgh University, where his father studied as a Queen's scholar from the St. Joseph's Institution.

Mr. P. H. Hendry, jeweller of Kuala Lumpur, has been favoured with an order to design in silver the Coat of Arms for H.E. the Sultan of Pahang's car. The design is as follows:—Arms Sahib, a Chohan between two elephant tusks crossed surrounded by an eastern crown, Argent supporters on either side a sea lion. Argent, crined, fanned and tufted and gorged with a collar each supporting a chohan erect.

Mrs. F. Garland Ipoh, writes to the "Times" of Malaya: "I cannot say yet what Malaya has collected for the Poppy Fund, but it certainly will be far in excess of last year—probably in the neighbourhood of \$9,000. Earl Haig writes that it is too soon to forecast the amount raised by the Poppy Day appeal, but the returns show that the claims of distressed ex-Servicemen and their dependants received generous support. He thanks those who subscribed and all who assisted in carrying out the collection."

Captain Albert B. Armitage, R.N.R., of the P. and O., well known to many travellers, is and from the Straits. Has retired from active service at sea, and has taken to authorship. He has been a sailor for forty-six years, a strenuous period which included five years of "Polar" exploration with Scott and Shackleton. His book, "Cruiser to Commander," has recently been published, and he has been lecturing on his world travels both at sea and on the land. He is now in the Straits, and is preparing a book on the "Polar" exploration.

Senate President Quezon and seven members of the supreme national council left on an extensive tour through Mindanao on January 25.

Mr. Grant Jones will be returning to Hankow as Vice-Consul shortly, Mr. Ogden being transferred to Kiukiang and Mr. Davidson leaving that port for Peking, states the "Central China Post."

The log of the "Savoia," the flying boat in which Commander de Pinedo made the 55,000-kilometer flight from Home, around Australia, to Tokyo and return, will soon appear in a book written by the popular aviator. The book will contain valuable notes on long distance overseas flying and will describe strange and varied experiences which he and his mechanic, Campanelli, had together in landing on foreign coasts, in hitherto unknown basins and rivers and in their reception and departure from many capitals of the Orient.

A titled girl of nineteen is running a wine business in London and with it a luncheon club for business men. She is the daughter of an English Army officer and lately succeeded to the title of an uncle, Baron de Beck of the Papal aristocracy, who owned a wine business with headquarters in Rome. The young Baroness decided to develop the business in London, so she rented offices and formed a limited company with herself as the chief director. This was four months ago and the Baroness says she is doing splendidly, although she had no previous business training.

Mr. E. J. Phillips of Smith, Bell and Company, Manila, and Mrs. Phillips have just returned from an extended trip abroad. Mrs. Phillips was president of the Monday Musical Club of Manila last year. Their trip took them through Java, Holland, England and the States. They spent about 10 days in Java. While in Holland they spent considerable time in Amsterdam. They were in England for the summer, visiting Wembley at the great exhibition of the British Empire. Their travels in the States took them from Massachusetts to California. Considerable time was spent in Boston, where Mrs. Phillips was born. They also visited New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

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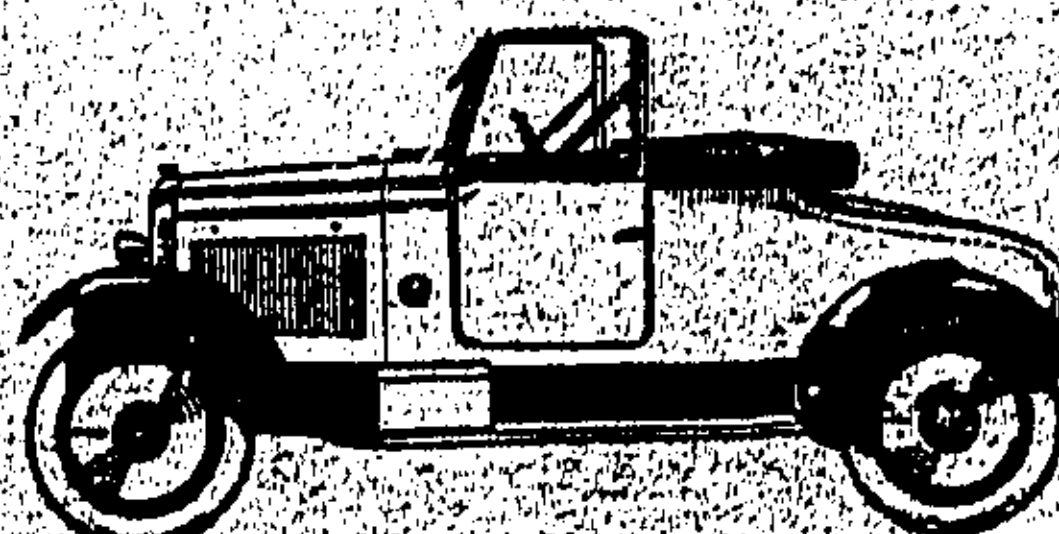
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AN EARLY BAROMETER.

[By "Patrol."]]

[Readers will be able to make their own deductions as to early form, in the following, for the annual races (March 1, 2, 3 and 6.)

Wagering has already started on the main events. The three chief "doubles" are the Maidens & Valley; Maidens & Derby; and the Valley & Derby. For the Maidens & Valley, the following "prices" have been quoted:—

Pretty Polly and Total Abstinence 6/1 against. Saucy Sue and Total Abstinence 6/1. Glorious Dahlia and Total Abstinence 10/1. King of England and Total Abstinence 100/5. Any other (in Maidens) and Total Abstinence 1000/40. Any couple bar Total Abstinence (in Valley) 1000/14.

The Maidens & Derby.—The field 33/1 against. The Valley & Derby.—Total Abstinence and Saucy Sue 8/1. Total Abstinence and Grey Steel 10/1 against. Total Abstinence and King of England 100/5. Total Abstinence and any other 1000/40. Total Abstinence and Pretty Polly 1000/14.

Any couple bar Total Abstinence (in Valley) 1000/5. The treble (Maidens, Valley & Derby).—The field 1000/14 (bar Saucy Sue, Total Abstinence, and Saucy Sue).

[Those entered in the Maidens (6 furlongs) on the first day are "griffins," most of which are also in the Derby. The Valley Stakes (6 furlongs), also on the first day, is for "subscription griffins," a few of which are also in the Derby. The Derby (1½ miles) on the second day is for all griffins.]

NAVAL CRICKET.

INTERESTING "HAWKINS" MATCH.

"Old Cripples" of H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat the "Young Sprinters" in a cricket match on the Club ground yesterday. It was laid down that batsmen reaching 50 runs were to retire. One on each side came under this rule.

LC-Com. Armitage hit 3 sixes and Lt. Halsey one. "Old Cripples." Com. Gray, b Stephenson 0. LC-Com. Armitage, retired 50. Com. Pitt, c b Hussey 3. Com. Thomas, c de Berry, b Stephenson 10. Surg. Com. Hawkins, c b Wilson 31. Lt.-Col. Cantrell, c Wauchoppe, b de Berry 43. Lt. Com. Bower, st. Halsey, b Hussey 39. Cpt. Lake, b Stephenson 13. Lt.-Com. Bindloss, b Stephenson 9. Lt.-Com. Mack, c Stephenson, b Yeoman 2. Lt.-Com. Bush, c Wilson, b Hussey 0. Pay Lt.-Com. Green, not out 0. Extras 12.

Total 212. Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W. Stephenson 10 1 61 4. Hussey 5 0 31 3. Nave 6 1 29 0. Edmonstone 6 1 10 0. Wilson 5 1 28 1. de Berry 7 0 49 1. Yeoman 1 0 0 1.

"Young Sprinters." Pay Lt. Nave, b Lake 38. Pay Lt. Hussey, retired 50. Sub-Lt. Verker, c Bower, b Lake 1. Lt. Walker, c Thomas, b Bush 1. Surg. Lt. Browne, c b Mack 7. Lt. Yeoman, st. Armitage, b Bush 0. Capt. de Berry, run out 5. Pay Sub-Lt. Wilson, lb.w., b Lake 5. Mid. Stephenson, lb.w., b Lake 10. Lt. Edmonstone, c b Lake 4. Lt. Wauchoppe, lb.w., b Lake 0. Lt. Halsey, not out 17. Extras 19.

Total 157. Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W. Bower 5 0 19 0. Gray 2 0 17 0. Cantrell 8 0 84 0. Lake 10 2 81 3. Bush 8 2 15 2. Mack 2 0 10 1.

The Whites scored three times in this half through Howard and Butler (2). The Blacks, given by the individual players in this game, did not make the selection committee's task any easier, so they can possibly be pardoned, or at least, a little allowance may be made for their total absence of the eleven players in the second half.

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HOME BOXING.

EMPIRE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE.

PHIL SCOTT BEATS COOK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Edinburgh, Jan. 27.

The boxing, over twenty rounds, for the British Empire heavyweight championship, was witnessed by nearly 20,000 spectators.

Phil Scott beat the Australian champion George Cook who was disqualified in the eighteenth round for holding.

It was a poor night, mostly of punches. Cook was repeatedly warned holding. He floored Scott in the fourth round for a count of eight but thereafter Scott improved with swift rights to the head and arms and lefts to the ribs.

There was no surprise when the referee intervened in the eighteenth round, disqualifying Cook.

"SOCCER" CAPS.

HONGKONG'S INTERPORT SELECTION.

TEAM FOR SHANGHAI.

The final selection of the Interport soccer team took place last evening and the following were selected to represent Hongkong:—

Rodger (Club); Wynne (Police), captain; Wheeler (Kowloon); Mitchell (Surreys); Stewart (Club); Bristowe (Surreys); Charlesworth (Surreys); Hummerstone (Surreys); Gosano (Recreio); Butler (Surreys); Macklesworth (Surreys).

Reserves to travel:—Howard (Club); Sims (Kowloon); Britain (Police). On paper this eleven looks pretty strong, the only weak place being at left back, but Wheeler can be depended on to go all out in the game, and the absence of a left kick should not handicap him much. The half-back line is strong and will want some beating. The vanguard is a line that, given any opportunities, will take advantage of them. The security of civilian players in this team is, however, a very noticeable fact, and is bound to be commented on adversely.

SOUTH CHINA'S TOUR.

The South China Athletic Association has received an invitation to visit Shanghai at China New Year to take part in the China championship games there. They will leave Hongkong by the same boat as the Interport team on February 9. In view of this fact a trial game is to take place on the Club ground at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the teams being Hongkong Interport XI v. South China National team (to visit Shanghai). This game will be a fine trial between both representative teams and will be worth watching.

YESTERDAY'S TRIAL.

For the final trial game on the Club ground yesterday, several changes were made from the original teams chosen. The teams lined out as follows:—

Whites:—Rodger; Wynne, Xavier, Leung Yuk-tong, Stewart, Bristowe; Taylor, Pulford, Howard, Butler, Macklesworth. Colours:—Wavish; Wheeler, Jordan; Mitchell, Sims, McKelvie; Charlesworth, Hummerstone, Gosano, Suen Kam-shun, Hayes.

The first fifteen minutes saw a very poor display on both sides, and it was evident that over-anxiety was responsible for a lot. The Colours were the first to score, Gosano heading past Wavish from a centre from Charlesworth.

For the other side Butler had several good chances, but missed, although two of his shots deserved a better fate. Pulford equalised later in the first half, and the teams crossed over with the score one goal all.

The Colours were handicapped by the absence of Suen Kam-shun who left the field after fifteen minutes' play and did not return. McGreavey of the Surreys turned out late in the second half to complete the team, but made no appreciable difference to their attack. Play in the second half was very scrappy and did not impress one as being up to representative form. The Whites scored three times in this half through Howard and Butler (2).

Reserves:—Whites 4, Colours 1. The display given by the individual players in this game, did not make the selection committee's task any easier, so they can possibly be pardoned, or at least, a little allowance may be made for their total absence of the eleven players in the second half.

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HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH F. A. CUP PROGRESS.

REPLAYS AND ROUND 2.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 27.

Replays to-day in the first round of the Scottish F. A. Cup resulted:—

Hearts 1, Dundee United 1. Airdrieonians 7, Queen of South 0. Morton 4, Dykehead 1. Vale of Leven 1, Stenhousemuir 2. Buckle Thistle 1, Dumbarton 2.

Second Round Draw. The draw for the second round to be played on February 6 resulted:—

Hibernians v. Airdrieonians. Boness v. Bathgata. Falkirk v. Montrose. Aberdeen v. Dundee. Morton v. Raith Rovers. Arthurlie v. Clyde. Celtic v. Hamilton. Third Lanark v. Leith Athletic. Stenhousemuir v. Rangers. St. Johnstone v. Queen's Park. Selkirk v. Brechin City. Arbroath v. St. Mirren. Forfar Athletic v. Dumbarton. Alloa v. Dundee. United or Hearts.

Partick v. King's Park. Albion Rovers v. Peebles Rovers.

LAWN TENNIS.

BRITAIN LOSES TEST TO S. AFRICA.

NOW "ALL SQUARE."

(Reuter's Service.)

Cape Town, Jan. 27.

South Africa defeated Britain in the third and last lawn tennis Test match.

[Note: Britain's "mixed" team won the first Test and the second was drawn.]

MANILA GOLF.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDED.

SCORES IN DETAIL.

In the Philippines open golf championship played last week at the Manila Golf Club, course (5,974 yards), the competitors' scores (for the four rounds of 18 holes and the total) were:—

Lt. A. L. Benedict 76, 72, 75, 83, 306. G. M. Ivory 76, 83, 73, 75, 307. E. F. Few 79, 74, 79, 76, 308. R. C. Hall 82, 76, 77, 75, 310. Capt. H. H. Elarth 77, 80, 77, 74, 311.

Comdr. H. C. Train 79, 83, 76, 79, 317. Juan Arellano 82, 81, 74, 82, 319. J. R. H. Mason 81, 82, 77, 79, 319. G. W. Mackay 78, 76, 86, 81, 321. N. S. Witherspoon 84, 81, 82, 77, 324.

A. D. Gibbs 83, 83, 80, 80, 326. Juan Tuason 85, 78, 80, 84, 327. Lt. C. T. Joy 82, 79, 80, 89, 330. Comdr. B. S. Bullard 86, 86, 82, 78, 331.

E. J. Nell 80, 86, 86, 80, 332. Lt. L. E. Gruber 86, 84, 83, 83, 336. J. A. Berry, Jr. 82, 90, 83, 83, 338. W. W. Harris, Jr. 82, 78, 87, 91, 338.

Pablo Santos 87, 85, 79, 90, 341. Lt. E. H. K. Miller 91, 84, 91, 82, 348. Maj. Paulino Santos 97, 83, 85, 85, 350. Miguel Cuaderno 84, 93, 89, 88, 354.

Lt. C. F. H. Hudson 90, 92, 89, 83, 354. Antonio Escoda 89, 89, 86, 91, 355. Mariano Albert 85, 101, 87, 86, 359. Rafael Ramos 94, 87, 88, 95, 364.

D. Abrera 95, 89, 86, 96, 366. Comdr. J. A. Murphy 96, 96, 91, 89, 372. Roy J. Berry 96, 95, 90, 92, 378.

The following withdrew:—Dr. Martin Cruz, W. E. Little, J. B. Nichols, Prof. H. P. Scott, P. C. Whitaker, T. W. Wright.

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THE TEST TEAM.

REPORTED AUSTRALIAN SELECTIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, Jan. 27.

It is unofficially reported that Arthur J. Richardson (South Australia), W. M. Woodfull and J. L. Ellis (both of Victoria) will complete the team to tour England with S. Everett (New South Wales) as sixteenth man, if the number is extended.

[Note: Richardson is an all-rounder who played in the last Tests. Woodfull is a batsman. Ellis is a wicket-keeper (who will probably be reserve) and Everett is a bowler.]

Sheffield Shield. In the last match of the Sheffield Shield, New South Wales (winners) beat Victoria (holders) by an innings and 96 runs. Scores:—

N.S.W. (1st) 708 runs. H. L. Collins made 143. A. F. Kippax 271 not out. C. Kelleway 68. Victoria (1st) 290 runs. W. H. Ponsford made 79; S. Everett took 4 wickets for 57 runs.

Victoria (2nd) 322 runs. W. H. Ponsford made 138. W. M. Woodfull 126; Everett took 5 wickets for 97 runs.

HOCKEY MATCH.

CLUB FIRST TEAM GET 5 GOALS.

With a blank score sheet at half-time yesterday, the Hongkong Hockey Club 1st XI rearranged its forward line and scored five times without reply before the final whistle.

The Club seniors were to have met H.M.S. "Hermes" in the absence of the naval opposition Mr. J. Wedlake took a team over to give the first eleven a game.

After the interval, E. J. R. Mitchell (captain) went into the forward line. W. Woodward (of the vanguard) dropped to back and A. A. Dand went up to half-back. The skipper scored three of the goals and J. E. Noronha was responsible for the other two.

"THE PUBLIC."

SHANGHAI'S INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

COMMENT OF INTEREST.

The following letter was addressed to the Editor of the "N.C. Daily News":—

Sir,—Whereas I have heard rumours rampant that the interport football match between Hongkong and Shanghai is to take place at the Pioneer field, please allow me space in your column, if this is correct, to voice the protest of several football fans beside myself.

The interports have been played for umpteens years at the Recreation ground; probably have never been played out of it since its inauguration; why this sudden side-stepping from what might almost be called a local custom (and a public expectation)?

Is it a question of money? Surely the various sporting clubs of Shanghai, if approached, will be only too glad to give their financial support towards defraying expenses of a team that, after all, they are a sort of host to! And they certainly would not be over-anxious to "host" a visiting team in grounds they have hardly if ever used themselves!

Again, why deviate from the old custom of having trial games here, and charging for admission? Have these in the Pioneer field, by all means, if absolute restriction of non-paying spectators is to be enforced. Hongkong, according to very reliable reports, have had no less than four trials, although not necessarily for financial ends; what about Shanghai? I am certain that real fans will be even keen to go out Saturdays to see the trial games, or even Sundays.

If you are told that for so many years that the interport games had been held in Shanghai and was not away, I had looked forward to this bi-annual contest. I am certain you will excuse my request for such a lengthy space in your correspondence columns.

Specifying my card. I am, etc.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI. Shanghai, January 20, 1926.

NOTABLE MEETING.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN IN PARIS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 27.

M. Briand, the Premier, met Sir Austen Chamberlain (British Foreign Secretary) on his arrival from Rapallo.

Sir Austen proceeded to the British Embassy. It is expected that he will spend two days in Paris. He will confer with M. Briand to-morrow (Thursday) and leave for London on Friday.

ONUS ON BRIAND.

To Take the Lead in Interview. (British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 27.

The initiative in raising matters for discussion between the French Premier and Sir Austen Chamberlain will rest primarily with M. Briand and it is generally believed that a suggestion for postponement of the preparatory disarmament commission will be one of the subjects dealt with in the coming conversations.

Other points which it is anticipated will be raised include the present position regarding the state of Germany's disarmament, the position of the Inter-Allied commission of control and the reduction of the present Allied military strength in the Coblenz and Mayence zones.

PRESS INTERESTED.

Germany's Obligations to Allies. (Havas Agency.)

Paris, Jan. 27.

The papers are most interested in the conference which M. Briand is due to have to-morrow with Sir Austen Chamberlain.

It is understood that they will discuss principally whether Germany may be considered as having fulfilled her disarmament obligations, and be admitted to the League of Nations before the Inter-Allied Committee of Military Control has completed its work.

"Le Journal" thinks the framers of the Locarno pact are facing rather a tender situation, for whereas the Allies have been very generous to Germany, the Reich shows militarist and nationalist tendencies.

Behaviour Illogical.

"L'Ouvre" considers Germany's behaviour illogical, as she claims concessions before having complied with the disarmament conditions. The Allies' willingness cannot be doubted, but the Reich must manifest the same. Moreover, the Locarno Treaty does not cancel the Versailles agreement.

COLOGNE ZONE.

British Troops Depart. (British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 27.

The evacuation of the British troops from the Cologne zone is now practically complete, and the British flag over the headquarters in that city will be hauled down on Saturday.

At present only one battalion remains, and it is due to leave on Friday, but fatigue will remain until the following day.

The hauling down of the flag, after seven years' occupation, will be accompanied by a simple ceremony, after which the remaining troops will entrain for Wiesbaden, and the British section of the first zone of occupation will thus be evacuated.

SOVIET COMPLAINT.

CHINESE SUPPRESS TRADE UNIONS.

ARREST OF OFFICIALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 27.

Soviet telegrams from Harbin complain that, in spite of Marshal Chang Tso-lin's orders, Chinese soldiery continue to suppress the Soviet Trade Unions at Harbin.

The premises of all unions have been closed and the officials arrested.

The Tass Agency at Moscow is authoritatively informed that the questions of the resumption of the activities of Trade Unions connected with the Chinese Eastern Railway; compensation for losses caused by the Manchurian authorities during the dispute; and the responsibility for the outbreak will be the subject of further discussions between the

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 28, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Esate Brokers Share & Real Estate.
T.T. on London	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Hongkong Bank	1060 b.	1060 a.	1060 b.
do. London	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
do. C.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
P. & O. Bank	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
Marine Insurance.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
Canton Insurance	500 b.	500 n.	500 n.
China Underwriters	214 n.	214 n.	214 n.
North China Insurance.	214 n.	214 n.	214 n.
Union Insurance	214 n.	214 n.	214 n.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	35 b.	35 b.
Fire Insurance.	35 b.	35 b.	35 b.
China Fire Insurance...	165 b.	165 b.	165 b.
H.K. Fire Insurance	590 a.	590 a.	590 a.
Shipping.	590 a.	590 a.	590 a.
Douglases	30 a.	32 n.	33 a.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 a.	23 1/2 n.	22 a.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 a.	4 n.	4 a.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
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Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	8 n.
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do. (new)	11 1/2 a.	11 1/2 n.	11 1/2 n.
China Prov. (comb.)	8 a.	8 a.	7 1/2 a.
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do. (new)	8 a.	8 a.	7 1/2 a.
Dairy Farms	17 1/2 a.	17 a.	17 a.
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do. (part pd.)	10 n.	8 a.	8 a.
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H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 a.	40 a.	40 a.
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do. (new)	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 n.
Hongkong Tramways	21 b.	21 a.	20 a.
(anc. Crawfords	12 1/2 a.	12 a.	13 n.
Macno Electric	40 n.	—	—
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Nanyang Tobaccos	12 10 b.	12 10 b.	12 10 b.
Peak Trams (old)	17 b.	16 b.	17 a.
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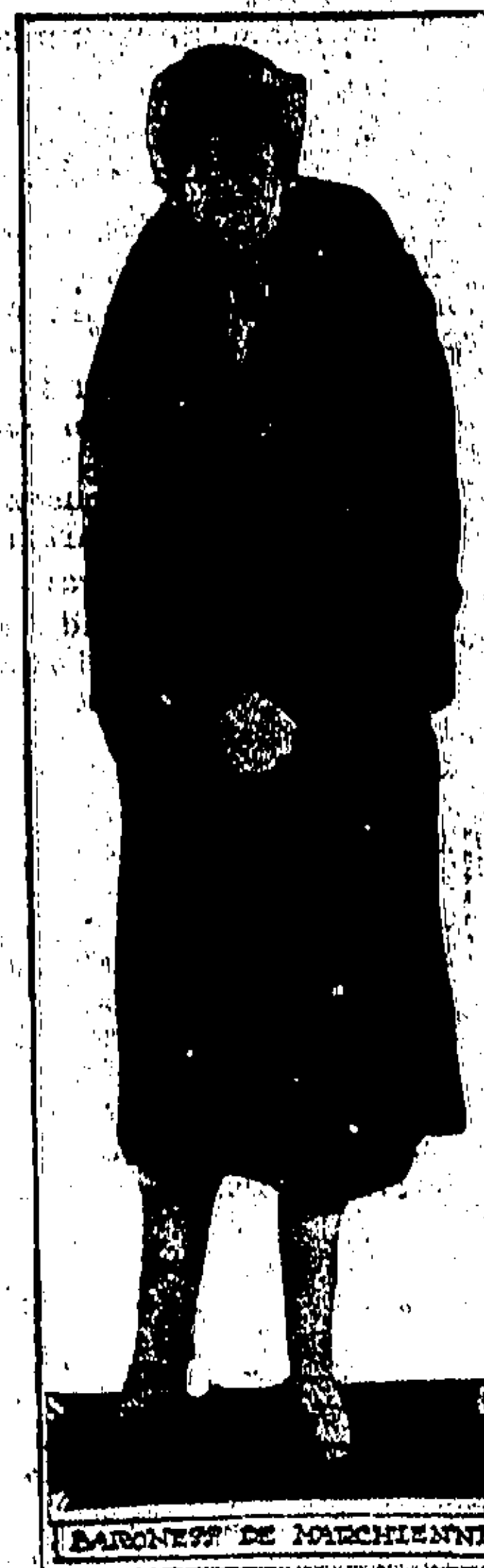
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Four persons were killed, scores injured and heavy property damage done in the gale that centred on New York City. Avenues and streets in some sections of the city were turned into racing rivers during the height of the storm.



Miss Dorothy Darr, the youngest exhibitor at the Silver Club Cat Show in New York, where champion Silver King Tom annexed another prize.



Baroness de Cartier de Marchienne, wife of the Belgian Ambassador to Washington, has returned to Europe.



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Professor M. I. Pupin, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, says every American student should be required to learn the management of two stubborn mules. Major-General Fred W. Sladen, superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point, has been assigned to command the Philippine department. Dr. William McGovern, Oxford explorer, is reported missing in Brazil, where he was headed for a hostile Indian country. Sir Oliver Lodge, English scientist, advances the theory that the universe has no beginning or end, merely renewing itself in cycles.

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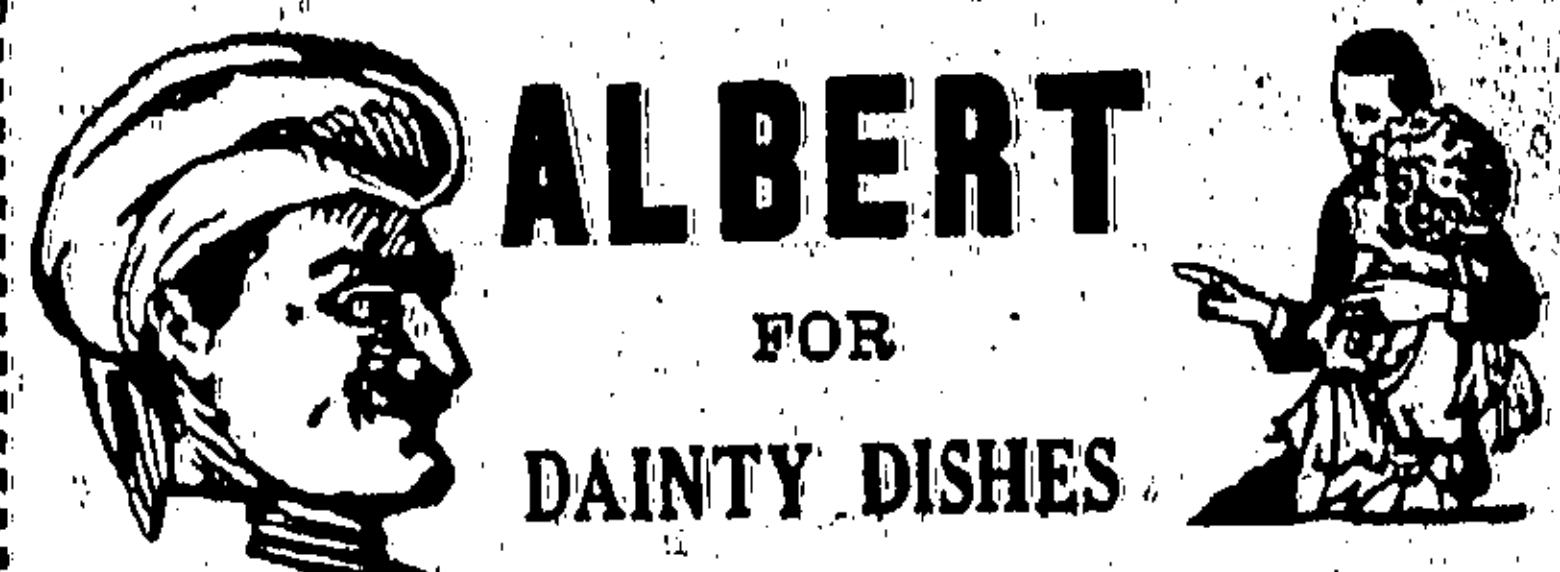
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ODDS AND ENDS



Clara Bow, the popular vamp of the screen, has flopped right into the arms of her leading man, Donald Keith. It was to have been a Christmas Day wedding.

Mr. Ponsonby.

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, M.P., the ex-Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs has made one of the strangest political pilgrimages in public life. As a small boy he served as a page of honour to Queen Victoria, and had the distinction of being the only one of Her Majesty's subjects who was photographed alone with her. He entered the diplomatic service, but left during the Boer War to enter politics under the inspiration of Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman. Always of strong international sympathies, and a student of foreign affairs, Mr. Ponsonby joined the unpopular minority who during the war appealed for a negotiated peace. On one occasion, after a stormy peace meeting, that ended in a free fight, Mr. Ponsonby escaped by train from Kingston Station hatless, collarless, and covered with egg. At the end of the war Mr. Ponsonby joined the Labour party. As a result of his experience as Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the Labour Government, Mr. Ponsonby feels more strongly than ever a special concern to warn the people of the menace of war and to crystallise into a definite policy the present vague aspirations for peace. In a remarkable book, "Now is the Time," recently published, Mr. Ponsonby is sceptical of the value of appeals to Governments, and believes that only a will to peace among the people will compel Government to abolish war as an institution.

Getting Up in Winter.

A phrase very common among us at this season is—"Isn't it awful, getting up!" Undoubtedly every day of our lives in the winter we begin with a conflict in the apparently simple act of getting up (writes Constance I. Smith in the "Star.") Though not at Ephesus, you "fight with lions" in those dark moments when the bed and the room become fiendishly alive. For the bed expels itself then in seductiveness. Not all through the night has it been so warm, so soft. The coldness of the room, the blackness, the smell of frost, are all increased to an intensity that seems deliberate. At seven, on a winter's morning, England is full of struggle. It makes no difference whether other members of the family have come through their conflict—are up, and a choir invisible, are vellegering to you to arise—or whether the house is asleep and you are the one whose duty it is to be up first, the caller, not the called. You are sublimely indifferent to what is going on beyond the door, for your soul is engaged in resisting, not the enticement or commands of some other human, but the powerful genius of the bed. The conflict of the first person up is, identical with the last, in both it is the case of the fine, tough, hardy spirit of our race warring with the insidious and unscrupulous temptation of the bed. There may be a trifle more intensity in the struggle of the first up, but this is because the first gets up—or should—in still greater blackness and coldness, not because he or she wages their war in silence. It is as hard to get up in the midst of banging and shouting as it is in the perfect silence of a sleeping world. The disinclination to get up is not just that you want to go sleep again. On the whole, you prefer to lie awake. Asleep you do not realise how comfortable you are, but lying without thought or movement, staring, at the slow-paling ceiling, and drowning in warmth, you are conscious of bliss. You could remain like this a day—or all winter. Every moment it becomes more impossible for you to slip and get up. The thought of sticking a limb into that icy wash of blackness outside the bed is an agony. On the other hand, once you are up in the winter I do not think you are so conscious of the strangeness of that fact as you are in the summer.



Budo Von Thorsen, blue-blooded prize police dog of New York, likes nothing better than to have a pair of boxing gloves tied on his paws and then to mix it for a few rounds with his master.

Sister of the Vanbrughs.

The widow who survives Paymaster-Captain Edward Hawes Shearns, who used to be secretary to Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, is a sister of Lady Barnes and of Miss Violet and Miss Irene Vanbrugh (says the London "Evening News.") Mrs. Shearns had a short experience of the stage. She played under her own name, Angela Vanbrugh, and made her debut at the Haymarket in the play "Her Father."

Mr. Ronald N. Sinclair, whose engagement has just been announced, is not only a promising young actor, who is now appearing in "The Green Hat," at the Apollo, but he is also a potential baronet (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). He is heir to the older of the two Sinclair baronetcies, that of Dunblath, which was created many years before the Sinclair baronetcy of Ulster. These two Sinclair families are both descended from the Earls of Caithness. Both Sinclair baronets have their seats in Caithness. Sir John Sinclair of Dunblath, to whom Mr. Ronald N. Sinclair is heir, at Barrock, near Wick, and Sir Archibald Sinclair of Ulster, at Thurso Castle. Sir Archibald's wife who has the unusual name of Marigold, is a daughter of Lady Angela Forbes.

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